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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Toshio MORITA, Hitoshi INOUE, Kunio NISHIMURA, Yutaka SUHARA, Satoshi OHSHIMA and Motoo YUMURA
FINE CARBON FIBER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND
ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTING MATERIAL COMPRISING THE FINE
CARBON FIBER

Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.

Our Ref: Q77448

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/254,674 (Confirmation No.9910) filed September 26, 2002 of Toshio MORITA, Hitoshi INOUE, Kunio NISHIMURA, Yutaka SUHARA, Satoshi OHSHIMA and Motoo YUMURA entitled FINE CARBON FIBER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTING MATERIAL COMPRISING THE FINE CARBON FIBER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 5 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1774.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-110675, filed April 12, 2000 and benefit is claimed based on Provisional Application No. 60/268,058, filed February 13, 2001. The priority document was filed in grand-parent Application No. 09/832,792.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	3	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$770.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									<u>\$290.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$1060.00

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A check for the statutory fee of \$1060.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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